

amount the Office may agree to in compromise, may be deducted from any sum then or later owing by the United States to the party against whom the penalty or assessment has been levied."

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), this section shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act.

(2) EXCEPTIONS.—(A) Paragraphs (2) and (4) of section 8902a(c) of title 5, United States Code, as amended by subsection (a), shall apply only to the extent that the misconduct which is the basis for debarment thereunder occurs after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(B) Section 8902a(d)(1)(B) of title 5, United States Code, as amended by subsection (a), shall apply only with respect to charges which violate section 8904(b) of such title 5 for items and services furnished after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(C) Section 8902a(g)(3) of title 5, United States Code, as amended by subsection (a), shall apply only with respect to debarments based on convictions occurring after the date of the enactment of this Act.

**SEC. 604. CONSISTENT COVERAGE FOR INDIVIDUALS ENROLLED IN A HEALTH PLAN ADMINISTERED BY THE FEDERAL BANKING AGENCIES.**

Section 5 of the FEGLI Living Benefits Act (Public Law 103-409; 108 Stat. 4232) is amended—

(1) by inserting "and the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System" after "Office of the Comptroller of the Currency and the Office of Thrift Supervision" each place it appears;

(2) in subsection (a), by inserting "or under a health benefits plan not governed by chapter 89 of such title in which employees and retirees of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System participated before January 4, 1997," after "January 7, 1995,";

(3) in subsection (b)—

(A) by inserting "(in the case of the Comptroller of the Currency and the Office of Thrift Supervision) or on January 4, 1997 (in the case of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System)" after "on January 7, 1995" each place it appears;

(B) by inserting ", or in which employees and retirees of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System participate," after "Office of the Comptroller of the Currency or the Office of Thrift Supervision" each place it appears; and

(C) by inserting "(in the case of the Comptroller of the Currency and the Office of Thrift Supervision) or after January 5, 1997 (in the case of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System)" after "January 8, 1995" each place it appears;

(4) in subsection (b)(1)(A), by striking "title;" and inserting "title or a retiree (as defined in subsection (e));"; and

(5) by adding at the end the following:

"(e) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this section, the term 'retiree' shall mean an individual who is receiving benefits under the Retirement Plan for Employees of the Federal Reserve System."

**SEC. 605. AMENDMENT TO PUBLIC LAW 104-134.**

Paragraph (3) of section 3110(b) of the Omnibus Consolidated Rescissions and Appropriations Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-134; 110 Stat. 1321-343) is amended to read as follows:

"(3) The Corporation shall pay to the Thrift Savings Fund such employee and agency contributions as are required by sections 8432 and 8351 of title 5, United States Code, for those employees who elect to retain their coverage under the Civil Service Retirement System or the Federal Employees' Retirement System pursuant to paragraph (1)."

**SEC. 606. MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS RELATING TO THE HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYEES.**

(a) DEFINITION OF A CARRIER.—Paragraph (7) of section 8901 of title 5, United States Code, is amended by striking "organization;" and inserting "organization and the Government-wide service benefit plan sponsored by an association of organizations described in this paragraph;"

(b) SERVICE BENEFIT PLAN.—Paragraph (1) of section 8903 of title 5, United States Code, is amended by striking "plan," and inserting "plan, underwritten by participating affiliates licensed in any number of States,"

(c) PREEMPTION.—Section 8902(m) of title 5, United States Code, is amended by striking "(m)(1)" and all that follows through the end of paragraph (1) and inserting the following:

"(m)(1) The terms of any contract under this chapter which relate to the nature, provision, or extent of coverage or benefits (including payments with respect to benefits) shall supersede and preempt any State or local law, or any regulation issued thereunder, which relates to health insurance or plans."

**SEC. 607. PAY FOR CERTAIN POSITIONS FORMERLY CLASSIFIED AT GS-18.**

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the rate of basic pay for positions that were classified at GS-18 of the General Schedule on the date of the enactment of the Federal Employees Pay Comparability Act of 1990 shall be set and maintained at the rate equal to the highest rate of basic pay for the Senior Executive Service under section 5382(b) of title 5, United States Code.

**SEC. 608. REPEAL OF SECTION 1307 OF TITLE 5 OF THE UNITED STATES CODE.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1307 of title 5, United States Code, is repealed.

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections for chapter 13 of title 5, United States Code, is amended by repealing the item relating to section 1307.

**SEC. 609. EXTENSION OF CERTAIN PROCEDURAL AND APPEAL RIGHTS TO CERTAIN PERSONNEL OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 7511(b)(8) of title 5, United States Code, is amended by striking "the Federal Bureau of Investigation,"

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by this section shall apply with respect to any personnel action taking effect after the end of the 45-day period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act.

The bill, as amended, was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read a third time by title, and passed.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby the bill was passed was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in said bill.

**¶116.47 L. CLURE MORTON U.S. POST OFFICE COURTHOUSE**

On motion of Mr. GILCHREST, by unanimous consent, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure was discharged from further consideration of the bill of the Senate (S. 1931) to provide that the United States Post Office and Courthouse building located at 9 East Broad Street, Cookeville, Tennessee, shall be known and designated as the "L. Clure Morton United States Post Office Courthouse".

When said bill was considered, read twice, ordered to be read a third time, was read a third time by title, and passed.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby the bill was passed was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk notify the Senate thereof.

**¶116.48 TED WEISS COURTHOUSE**

On motion of Mr. GILCHREST, by unanimous consent, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure was discharged from further consideration of the bill (H.R. 4042) to designate the United States courthouse located at 500 Pearl Street in New York City, New York, as the "Ted Weiss United States Courthouse".

When said bill was considered, read twice, ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read a third time by title, and passed.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby the bill was passed was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in said bill.

**¶116.49 COMMITTEE RESIGNATION—MINORITY**

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. THORNBERRY, laid before the House the following communication, which was read as follows:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, September 27, 1996.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,  
Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives,  
The Capitol, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I hereby resign my seat on the House Intelligence Committee effective today.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve on the committee beyond my allotted time. Your efforts to accommodate my many international assignments have been most helpful.

I look forward to serving on the committee in the future.

Sincerely,

BILL RICHARDSON,  
Chief Deputy Whip.

By unanimous consent, the resignation was accepted.

**¶116.50 PERMANENT SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE**

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. THORNBERRY, by unanimous consent, announced that pursuant to the provisions of clause 1 of rule XLVIII, the Speaker appointed to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Ms. HARMAN, to fill the existing vacancy thereon and to rank after Ms. PELOSI.

**¶116.51 AUGUSTUS BOOTLE COURTHOUSE**

On motion of Mr. GILCHREST, by unanimous consent, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure was discharged from further consideration of the bill (H.R. 4119) to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 475 Mulberry Street in Macon, Georgia, as the "William Augustus Bootle Federal Building and United States Courthouse".

When said bill was considered, read twice, ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read a third time by title, and passed.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby the bill was passed was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in said bill.

¶116.52 WAIVING CLAUSE 4(B) OF RULE XI  
WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN  
RESOLUTIONS

Mr. SOLOMON, by direction of the Committee on Rules, reported (Rept. No. 104-855) the resolution (H. Res. 546) waiving a requirement of clause 4(b) of rule XI with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules, and for other purposes.

When said resolution and report were referred to the House Calendar and ordered printed.

¶116.53 CARL B. STOKES COURTHOUSE

On motion of Mr. GILCHREST, by unanimous consent, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure was discharged from further consideration of the bill (H.R. 4133) to designate the United States courthouse to be constructed at the corner of Superior and Huron Roads, in Cleveland, Ohio, as the "Carl B. Stokes United States Courthouse".

When said bill was considered, read twice, ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read a third time by title, and passed.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby the bill was passed was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in said bill.

¶116.54 ROBERT KURTZ RODIBAUGH  
UNITED STATES COURTHOUSE

On motion of Mr. GILCHREST, by unanimous consent, the proceedings of September 26, 1996, whereby the House passed the bill (H.R. 3576) to designate the United States courthouse located at 401 South Michigan Street in South Bend, Indiana, as the "Robert Kurtz Rodibaugh United States Courthouse", were vacated.

Whereupon, said bill was considered by the House.

Mr. GILCHREST submitted the following amendment in the nature of a substitute which was agreed to:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

**SECTION 1. DESIGNATION.**

The United States courthouse located at 401 South Michigan Street in South Bend, Indiana, shall be known and designated as the "Robert K. Rodibaugh United States Bankruptcy Courthouse".

**SEC. 2. REFERENCES.**

Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the United States courthouse referred to in section 1 shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Robert K. Rodibaugh United States Bankruptcy Courthouse".

The bill, as amended, was ordered to be engrossed and read third time, was read a third time by title, and passed.

By unanimous consent, the title was amended so as to read: "An Act to designate the United States courthouse located at 401 South Michigan Street in South Bend, Indiana, as the 'Robert K. Rodibaugh United States Bankruptcy Courthouse'".

A motion to reconsider the votes whereby said bill was passed and the

title was amended was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in said bill.

¶116.55 MARTIN LUTHER KING MEMORIAL

On motion of Mrs. MORELLA, by unanimous consent, the Committee on Resources was discharged from further consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 70) authorizing the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity to establish a memorial to Martin Luther King, Jr. in the District of Columbia or its environs.

When said joint resolution was considered, read twice, ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read a third time by title, and passed.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby said joint resolution was passed was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in said joint resolution.

¶116.56 NOTICE OF SUSPENSION OF THE  
RULES

Mr. WOLF, pursuant to House Resolution 525, announced the Speaker will recognize Members for motions to suspend the rules under clause 1, rule XXVII, on Saturday, September 28, 1996, with respect to the following bills:

H.R. 4233, to provide for appropriate implementation of the Metric Conversion Act of 1975 in Federal construction projects, and for other purposes;

S. 1918, to amend trade laws and related provisions to clarify the designation of normal trade relations;

H.R. 3219, to provide Federal assistance for Indian tribes in a manner that recognizes the right of tribal self-governance, and for other purposes; and

H.R. 4088, to provide for the conveyance of certain property from the United States to Stanislaus County, California.

¶116.57 ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Oversight, reported that that committee had examined and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 2508. An Act to amend the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act to provide for improvements in the process of approving and using animal drugs, and for other purposes;

H.R. 2594. An Act to amend the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act to reduce the waiting period for benefits payable under that Act, and for other purposes;

H.R. 2660. An Act to increase the amount authorized to be appropriated to the Department of the Interior for the Tensas River National Wildlife Refuge, and for other purposes; and

H.R. 3068. An Act to accept the request of the Prairie Island Indian Community to revoke their charter of incorporation issued under the Indian Reorganization Act.

¶116.58 SENATE ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The SPEAKER announced his signature to enrolled bills of the Senate of the following titles:

S. 1675. An Act to provide for the nationwide tracking of convicted sexual predators, and for other purposes;

S. 1802. An Act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain property containing a fish and wildlife facility to the State of Wyoming, and for other purposes;

S. 1970. An Act to amend the National Museum of the American Indian Act to make improvements in the Act, and for other purposes;

S. 2085. An Act to authorize the Capitol Guide Service to accept voluntary services; and

S. 2101. An Act to provide educational assistance to the dependents of Federal law enforcement officials who are killed or disabled in the performance of their duties.

¶116.59 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted—

To Ms. JACKSON-LEE, for today after 12 o'clock noon;

To Mr. THOMPSON, for today; and  
To Mrs. FOWLER, for today after 4:30 p.m.

And then,

¶116.60 ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. DORNAN, at 10 o'clock and 24 minutes p.m., the House adjourned.

¶116.61 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON  
PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. SHUSTER: Committee of Conference. Conference report on S. 1004. An Act to authorize appropriations for the United States Coast Guard, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 104-854). Ordered to be printed.

Ms. PRYCE: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 546. Resolution providing for consideration of certain resolutions in preparation for the adjournment of the second session sine die (Rept 104-855). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska: Committee on Resources. H.R. 4067. A bill to provide for representation of the Northern Mariana Islands by a nonvoting Delegate in the House of Representatives; with an amendment (Rept. No. 104-856). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. CLINGER: Committee on Government Reform and Oversight. Year 2000 Computer Software Conversion: Summary of Oversight Findings and Recommendations (Rept. No. 104-857). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. CLINGER: Committee on Government Reform and Oversight. Crude Oil Undervaluation: The Ineffective Response of the Minerals Management Service (Rept. No. 104-858). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

¶116.62 TIME LIMITATION OF REFERRED  
BILL

Pursuant to clause 5 of rule X, the following action was taken by the Speaker:

H.R. 2740. Referral of the Committee on Commerce extended for a period ending not later than October 2, 1996.

¶116.63 REPORTED BILLS SEQUENTIALLY  
REFERRED

Under clause 5 of rule X, bills and reports were delivered to the Clerk for printing, and bills referred as follows: